Solid Waste Rate Multi-Year Financial Plan

April 24, 2012 City Council Meeting



Purpose of Presentation



- 1. Define Enterprise Funds
- 2. Discuss Financial Status and Rate Recommendations
- 3. Identify City Council Policy Decisions

Define Enterprise Funds



Enterprise Funds are used to account for those activities that are "business like" in which rates recover costs.

- 1. Water
- 2. Wastewater
- 3. Solid Waste

Executive Summary



- ~32,000 Customers
 - Residential only
 - Service is provided citywide, with the exceptions of Sun City Grand and Arizona Traditions
- FY 2013: No Rate Increases are Recommended
- Emphasis placed on multi-year perspective
- Privatization of Service to be discussed by City Council (separate presentation)
- No Vehicle Replacement Scheduled for FY2013

Monthly Residential Utility Bill Comparison



Solid Waste Charges

Single Trash Container



Solid Waste Rate Information



RATES

- Current Monthly Bill: \$16.63
- Last Rate Increase: 5.3% on 1/1/10
- Recommended Rate Increases:
 - FY 2013: Rate Increase Not Recommended
 - FY 2014: Rate Increase Not Recommended

Solid Waste Financial Overview



- Strong Financial Structure
 - Operating Revenues Exceed Operating Expenses
 - Vehicle Replacement is Cash Funded
 - \$0.5 M. Annual Depreciation
- Strong Reserves
- Expense Drivers: Fuel

Solid Waste Financial Plan



| Solid Waste Operations | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 |
|--|----------|---------|----------|
| Solid Waste Rate Revenue | \$6.4M | \$6.4M | \$6.5M |
| Other Revenues | \$0.4M | \$0.4M | \$0.4M |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$6.8M | \$6.8M | \$6.9M |
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| Operating Expenses | \$5.7M | \$5.7M | \$5.8M |
| Scheduled Vehicle & Equipment Replacement | \$1.4M | \$0.0 | \$3.8M |
| Total Expenses | \$7.1M | \$5.7M | \$9.6M |
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| Annual Surplus/(Deficiency) | (\$0.3M) | \$1.1M | (\$2.7M) |
| Beginning Cash Balance | \$8.7M | \$8.5M | \$9.7M |
| Ending Cash Balance | \$8.4M | \$9.6M | \$7.0M |
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| Operating Reserves | | | |
| Operations & Maintenance 60 Day Target Reserve | \$0.8M | \$0.8M | \$0.8M |
| Routine Capital Replacement Reserve | \$2.1M | \$2.6M | \$1.6M |
| Unreserved Cash | \$5.5M | \$6.2M | \$4.6M |

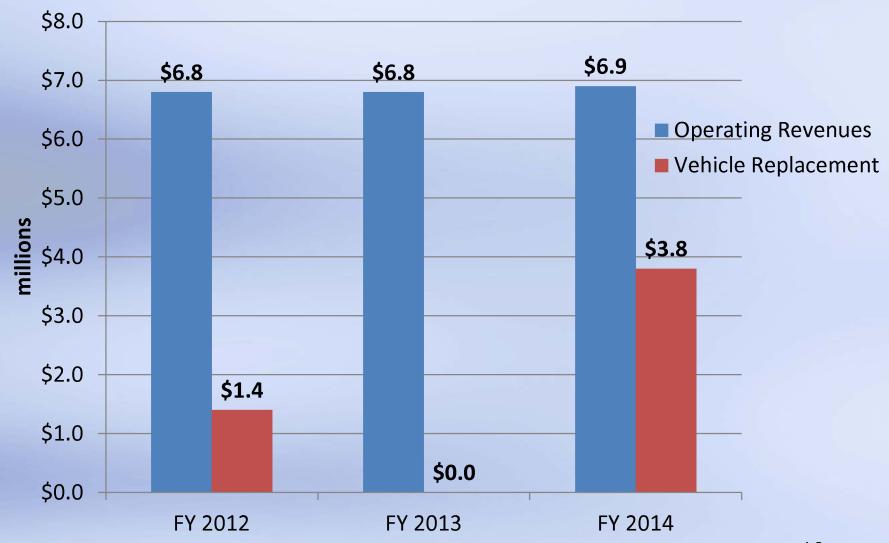
Solid Waste Annual Projections





Vehicle Replacement relative to Revenues





Solid Waste Reserves





City Council Policy Decisions



- 1. Consider Privatization (separate presentation)
- 2. Rate Reduction Possible
 - \$0.50 or \$1.00 per Month
 - As discussed last year
- 3. Affirm 2 Month Operating Reserve Policy (cash)
- 4. Initiate Vehicle Replacement Reserve Policy
 - A practice, but not a formally adopted financial policy



